

EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Summary Minutes

October 7, 2003
6:30 PM

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Bell, Councilmembers, Keeffe, Seal and Eder¹
ABSENT: Councilmember Wiechmann

STAFF: Drew Folsom, Assistant Land Use Professional

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the East Bellevue Community Council was called to order at 6:30 pm, with Chair Bell presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Roll was called by the Deputy City Clerk. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Wiechmann. Chair Bell led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

James Eder, 15422 SE 7th Place, asked that the Community Council acknowledge John Steven Cantrell's life time achievements in community service.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Keeffe moved approval of the October 7, 2003 Community Council agenda. Mr. Seal seconded the motion.

Chair Bell suggested that candidate interviews be taken up in conjunction with agenda item 11(a). Following the interviews, Council will adjourn to Executive Session to review candidate qualifications.

The motion to approve the October 7, 2003 East Bellevue Community Council agenda carried with a vote of 3:0.

5. Public Hearings None.

6. Resolutions

¹ James Eder took his seat at 8:34 pm upon Council appointment to the vacant Position #1.

- (a) Resolution 461, expressing appreciation to William Halgren for dedication to his community through service on the East Bellevue Community Council

Mr. Keffe moved to approve Resolution No. 461. Mr. Seal seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Reports of City Council, Boards and Commissions None.

8. Department Reports

- (a) Update of Final Plat for Lang Plat

Drew Folsom, Department of Planning and Community Development, gave the staff report. He provided a brief review of process, stating that this plat application came before the Community Council in 2001 and received preliminary plat approval.

Chair Bell clarified that the City Council approved the preliminary plat via Ordinance 5273 on February 5, 2001. On April 3, 2001 the Community Council took action approving City Council Ordinance 5273.

In response to Mr. Keffe, Mr. Folsom stated that the 20 foot east/west strip was dedicated to the City of Bellevue.

Mr. Keffe reminded Council that the City already owns the adjacent 20 foot strip to the south of the Lang's L shaped plat. Continuing to respond, Mr. Folsom stated there is no condition in the platting process requiring the development of a trail system. Since the City now owns the dedicated properties, if the City should decide to incorporate this area into the park system they would have that ability. At this time, there are no plans for trail development.

In response to Chair Bell, Mr. Folsom stated the portions of the plat that remain to be completed include some plantings in the native growth protection area and minor utility and transportation improvements.

9. Committee Reports None

10. Unfinished Business None

11. New Business

- (a) Community Council Vacant Position Appointment

Chair Bell reviewed the recruitment/appointment process to fill a vacant position on the Community Council. Three applications were received. Each of the candidates provided a brief

introduction and their interest in serving on the Community Council.

Mr. James Eder stated his dilemma given his dual candidacies, one being his bid for City Council on the November General Election ballot and the other for this vacant Community Council position. In response to Mr. Keffe, he stated that he has been a resident of the East Bellevue Municipal Corporation for the past 42 years. He briefly reviewed his educational background. Mr. Eder stated his admiration for those serving on the East Bellevue Community Council.

Mr. Bart Goft explained his interest in serving on the Community Council, stating he has been a resident for a little over 1 ½ years. He expressed his desire to serve his new community and related his past experiences in community service that he felt would be helpful if selected.

Mr. Bill Anspach stated that he has been a resident for nearly 20 years. He explained his interest in serving on the Community Council, stating he would work to maintain the character of the community. Mr. Anspach reviewed his experience in land development.

Meeting interruption.

Mr. Peter Schrader apologized for arriving late, stating his interest in the Lang Plat discussion. He introduced himself as a development partner in the plat.

Chair Bell recapped tonight's discussion of the Lang Plat.

Returning to the agenda, Chair Bell adjourned to Executive Session for fifteen minutes to review candidate qualifications. The Executive Session was extended an additional ten minutes.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chair Bell called a brief recess to allow Councilmembers and the audience the opportunity to enjoy a small reception in honor of retired Community Councilmember Bill Halgren.

The East Bellevue Community Council meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

Mr. Seal moved the appointment of Mr. Goft to fill the unexpired term of the vacant position on the East Bellevue Community Council. Mr. Keffe seconded the motion.

Motion to appoint Mr. Goft failed with a vote of 2:1. Mr. Keffe dissented.

Mr. Keffe moved the appointment of Mr. Eder to fill the unexpired term of the vacant position on the East Bellevue Community Council. Mr. Seal seconded the motion.

Motion to appoint Mr. Eder carried with a vote of 3:0.

Chair Bell thanked each of the applicants and expressed the desire for their continued interest in

Community Council activities.

Mr. Eder was sworn in by the Deputy City Clerk and took his seat at the dais.

Mr. Keeffe stated his pleasure with the quality of candidates represented tonight and wished to personally thank each of them.

12. Continued Communications

(a) Robinswood Park Master Plan

Mr. Goft stated that a house on his block with a roof in disrepair emanates a mildew odor that is creating problems for the next door neighbor. He asked if there was an agency that could address this issue. In response, Mr. Keeffe suggested contacting the Health Department.

Mr. Bill Halgren, 2230 151st Place SE, stated that the area residents felt that the public input process for the Robinswood Tennis Center did not work to their satisfaction. He stated that he was pleased to see that the Parks Department, when funding was available, would solicit public input on the artificial turf proposal.

Chair Bell suggested that Council respond to the Parks Director, requesting a community review of the artificial turf proposal prior to funding availability. He asked that staff come out and talk about this closer to but in advance of funding for the purpose of seeking community input using the Community Council forum.

(b) Robinswood Pond

Mr. Seal expressed concern that the pond could fill up with organic matter if left untended.

Mr. Halgren reminded Council that their correspondence to the City regarded the health of the pond. He felt that their response did not really address the issue. The City's response indicated that they would perform no work within the pond itself. Mr. Halgren questioned how long that has been the policy. He recalled that, in the past, Parks had indicated that they would do some work to solve the sediment or vegetation problem in the pond.

Chair Bell recalled restoration work performed on the west side of the Lake Hills greenbelt as mitigation for a development on Lake Bellevue. He suggested that perhaps the pond at Robinswood would be suitable for similar offsetting mitigation measures. He offered that the pond might even be modeled after features like the reflecting pond at Bellevue Downtown Park or the waterways in the Botanical Gardens. There was consensus to draft a memo to Parks with the above suggestions.

13. Executive Session

14. Approval of Summary Minutes

(a) September 2, 2003 East Bellevue Community Council Summary Minutes

Mr. Keeffe moved to approve the September 2, 2003 East Bellevue Community Council Summary Minutes. Mr. Seal seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4:0.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Keefe moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Seal seconded the motion. The East Bellevue Community Council October 7, 2003 meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Submitted By:

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk